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For: RESEALABLE CONTAINERS HAVING INTERNAL ROLLER SURFACE

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Amendments to the Claims

- Please amend claims 1, 3, 26, 30, and 38 as shown below.
- Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 23-25, 28, 35, and 39.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A container, comprising:
a one-piece container body comprising a sloped floor and at least one pair of opposing sidewalls, the sloped floor and the at least one pair of opposing sidewalls defining a reservoir operable to hold a designated volume of liquid;
a lid to cover an open top of the container body and to form a relatively tight seal therewith; and
a first roller surface pivotally coupled to the at least one pair of opposing sidewalls, the first roller surface being pivotable between a first position and a second position, wherein, when the first roller surface is in the first position, a substantial portion of the first roller surface is located within the reservoir above the designated volume of liquid and substantially between the at least one pair of opposing sidewalls.
2. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein a lowermost portion of the first roller surface is located above the designated volume of liquid.
3. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1, further ~~comprising a lid operable to cover an open top of the container body;~~ wherein the first roller surface is, when the first roller surface is in the first position and the lid is covering the open top of the body, located within an enclosed space defined by the container body and the lid.
4. (Original) The container of claim 3, wherein the lid comprises an access opening.

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5. (Original) The container of claim 4, wherein the access opening comprises a pour spout.
6. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the container body comprises a pour spout.
7. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the first roller surface further comprises a frame.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the sloped floor is inclined towards a first end of the container body such that a well is formed proximate the first end.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the first roller surface is located, when in the first position, about 70 degrees to about 110 degrees from vertical.
13. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the container body comprises a stop member operable to support the first roller surface in the first position.
14. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 1, wherein the container body comprises a stop member operable to support the first roller surface in the second position.
15. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the sloped floor comprises a second roller surface.

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16. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the container further comprises one or more handle members.
17. (Withdrawn) The container of claim 16, wherein the one or more handle members comprises one or more wire handles pivotally coupled to the container body.
18. (Original) The container of claim 16, wherein the one or more handle members comprises one or more protrusions on the container body.
19. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the first roller surface comprises a discontinuous surface.
20. (Original) The container of claim 19, wherein the discontinuous surface comprises a perforated surface.
21. (Original) The container of claim 1, further comprising a first support rib and a second support rib both extending beneath the sloped floor, wherein the first support rib and the second support rib approach one another proximate the center of the container body.
22. (Original) The container of claim 21, wherein the first support rib and the second support rib form a generally X-shaped support structure.
- 23.-25 (Canceled)
26. (Currently Amended) An article, comprising:
a designated volume of liquid; and
a container comprising:

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a container body for receiving and storing the designated volume of liquid, wherein the container body comprises a plurality of sidewalls and a floor, the plurality of sidewalls defining an opening of the container body;

a removable and resealable lid operable to form a relatively tight seal with the container body and to selectively cover the opening; and

a first roller surface pivotal coupled to the container body and positioned between two or more sidewalls of the plurality of sidewalls, wherein the first roller surface is, when in a first position, located above the designated volume of liquid and below an uppermost edge of the container body.

27. (Original) The article of claim 26, wherein the first roller surface is movable, relative to the container body, between the first position and a second position.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Original) The article of claim 26, wherein the floor of the container body comprises at least one sloped portion, wherein the sloped portion comprises a second roller surface.

30. (Currently Amended) A container, comprising:

a one-piece container body defining a partially enclosed reservoir having an open top, the reservoir ~~operable to hold~~ for receiving and storing a designated volume of liquid; and

a first roller surface pivotally coupled to the container body, wherein a ~~substantial portion~~ of the first roller surface is, when in a first position, located within the reservoir at a level above the designated volume of liquid and below the open top, and is further positioned about 70 degrees to about 110 degrees from vertical.

31. (Canceled)

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32. (Original) The container of claim 30, wherein the container body further comprises a sloped floor, the sloped floor defining a second roller surface.

33. (Original) The container of claim 30, further comprising a selectively removable lid operable to seal the open top.

34.-35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 1, wherein the at least one pair of opposing sidewalls comprise tabs to pivotally receive the first roller surface.

37. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 1, wherein the first roller surface is operable to pivot about a pivot axis passing through the pair of opposing sidewalls.

38. (Currently Amended) A container, comprising:
a one-piece container body comprising a floor and at least one pair of opposing sidewalls, the floor and the at least one pair of opposing sidewalls defining a reservoir operable to hold a designated volume of liquid; and

a first roller surface pivotally coupled to the at least one pair of opposing sidewalls, wherein, when the first roller surface is in a first position in which the first roller surface faces upwardly and away from the floor, the first roller surface is located within the reservoir above the designated volume of liquid; it spans substantially between the at least one pair of opposing sidewalls; and it defines an access zone for accessing liquid in the container by a roller-type applicator.

39. (Canceled)

40. (New) The container of claim 30, wherein the first roller surface is, when in the first position, about 80 degrees to about 100 degrees from vertical.